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1. THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF ECON MINISTER LUBBER'S
NOV 15 STATEMENT ON ABOVE SUBJECT, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN PUBLISHED
IN PARLAIMENTARY RECORDS:

QUOTE MR. VAN DIS AND ALSO OTHER REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ASKED
ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATURAL GAS AND THE EEC. I HAVE
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ALREADY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THIS IN REACTION TO MR. PEIJENBURG'S

SPEECH, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT IT. IT IS WISE FOR HOLLAND TO STICK TO ITS VIEW THAT THE COMMUNITY NOW ALSO SHOULD PROVE TO BE A COMMUNITY IN THE ENERGY FIELD; THIS INCLUDES DUTCH NATURAL GAS. IN SO FAR AS, IN SPITE OF THIS PRINCIPLE, RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATIONS ARE MADE IN VIEW OF CERTAIN NATIONAL INTERESTS, IT IS REASONABLE AND SENSIBLE THAT THE NETHERLANDS NOT BE "HOLIER THAN THE POPE" BUT REALIZE THAT IN THIS SITUATION NATURAL GAS IS ONE OF OUR MOST VALUABLE POSSESSIONS. THIS HAS CONSEQUENCES FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORTS, BOTH IN VOLUME AND PRICE.

I WILL NOT LEAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT THIS AND I ASSUME THAT THAT DOUBT DOESN'T EXIST IN OTHER COUNTRIES. I DON'T THINK IT IS VERY SENSIBLE TO MAKE STATEMENTS IN THE SENSE OF THREATS IN POLITICAL TERMS, BUT IT MUST BE CLEAR THAT IN GENERAL "CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME". IF THE DUTCH ENERGY SITUATION REALLY SHOULD BE WORSE THAN IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS A RESULT OF CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS, EVERYONE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MUST HAVE AN EFFECT UPON WHAT WE DO WITH OUR NATURAL GAS. IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AS WE FORESEE IT, WE WILL NOT HESITATE TO TAKE TIMELY MEASURES WITH THE EXPECTATION OF PREVENTING A SITUATION OF UNEQUAL DIVISION OF THE ENERGY BURDEN. UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THIS STATEMENT AND OTHER DECLARATIONS MADE BY GON OFFICIALS IN COPENHAGEN AND THE HAGUE, IT IS CLEAR THAT, WHETHER IT IS CALLED A THREAT OR NOT, GON IS LETTING EC PARTNERS KNOW THAT DUTCH EXPORTS OF NATURAL GAS WILL BE A FACTOR IN BALANCING THEIR ENERGY SUPPLY IN AN EMERGENCY.
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